

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 20, 2019

Beeper

Police Chief Scott Shepherd will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, September 23rd from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 10 Davis Place. It is a small yard on a corner lot that is well maintained and balanced with trees and small bushes. Thank you for the great nomination. Only one more week remains in the 2019 Yard of the Week season. Be sure to get your nominations turned in for any yard that you think deserves recognition.

Preparedness Month

One of the most important things to do to prepare for emergencies doesn't cost any money – the preparation of an Emergency Communication Plan. Our lives today are busy. Family members are at school, work, soccer practice or the store. It seems we are always on the go. Emergencies can happen at any time and families may not all be at the same place. How will you know your family members are safe and then how will you all get back together after an emergency? An Emergency Communication is a simple way to make sure everyone in the household knows who to contact and how to gather back together. It also set the procedure to let others outside the area know you are safe. There are several fillable forms that can be used to create a Communication Plan linked on the City's website. Talk with the members of your household and prepare a plan using the samples or create your own.

If you create an Emergency Communication Plan (or update an existing plan) this month you can enter into the drawing for a LifeStraw Family Emergency water purifier & filter.

Visit the City's webpage for more information about the Emergency Preparedness Drawings and be sure to get better prepared and maybe you'll even win a prize.

Blood Drive September 26th

As a part of Preparedness Month the City will be hosting a Blood Drive at the Community Center on Thursday, September 26th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Walk in donations will be welcome around donors with appointments. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1(800)398-7888 ext. 2 or online at: schedule.bloodworksnw.org enter sponsor code L17 and set up a time.

Participation in the Blood Drive can earn an entry in the Preparedness Task 4 drawing, after donating be sure to visit the City's website and enter the Preparedness Task 4 drawing.

Quilt Show

This week the Pioneer Quilters 43rd Unbroken Thread Quilt Show opened in the Cottage Grove Armory on Thursday and will run through Saturday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm each day. The Quilt Show will be bringing visitors to Cottage Grove to enjoy the show. There will be vendors, speakers, demonstrations and classes during the show. They are using all the rooms on the main floor of the Armory for the event. The new Women's restroom will also be open for the event.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council is seeking new members for the 2019-20 School year. Any youth in the community middle through high school age are invited to apply. Applications and more information about the YAC is available on the Cottage Grove YAC webpage at www.cottagegrove.org/YAC. The application deadline is October 7, 2019 and all applicants are encouraged to attend the YAC Kickoff meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, October 7th at City Hall.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

From May 16th through October 31st each year the Wastewater Treatment Plant's discharge permit limits the amount of treated effluent the plant can discharge into the Coast Fork River. On average, the treatment plant receives and treats 800 thousand gallons per day and sends 650 thousand gallons to Middlefield Golf Course for irrigation and 150 thousand gallons are discharged into the Coast Fork River. This past Sunday, September 16th, it rained 1.40 inches and as a result 1.9 million gallons of influent was treated. The increased flows have continued through Thursday with a peak flow of 3.95 million gallons. To date the rainfall for September has been 5.23 inches, which is nearly 3 times the normal amount for the entire month of September.

As a result of the high flows, the Treatment Plant was not in compliance with the City's DEQ discharge permit for the effluent temperature requirement for treated effluent discharged into the Coast Fork River. The allowed Excess Thermal Load for the amount of effluent discharged is 12 million Kcals and the plant discharged 17 million Kcals. The temperature of the Coast Fork water on September 16th was 21.1 degrees Celsius and the temperature of the treated effluent discharged was 21.5 degrees Celsius. At the present time it is very difficult if not impossible for the treatment plant to meet the temperature requirement with the unusual high rain events.

The City has designed and is in the process of preparing to go out for bids to build an effluent storage pond to hold 12 million gallons. Next year the pond will be constructed which will allow for storage of treated effluent during these high flow rain events. This will help the treatment plant to stay in compliance with the discharge permit. It is our goal to reduce and eliminate the rain/storm water from entering the Wastewater Treatment Plant helping the City to maintain compliance with the DEQ discharge permit.

Cascade Collegiate Conference Preview Cross Country Meet at Middlefield Golf Course

The City was contacted last June, by Cross Country Head Coach Tom Boldon, of Northwest Christian University, about the possibility of allowing them to use Middlefield Golf Course as a location to hold two Collegiate Cross Country Meets. We were very excited and honored to have the opportunity.

Today, Northwest Christian University hosted the Men and Women's Cascade Collegiate Cross Country Preview Meet at Middlefield Golf Course. Approximately 127 men and women representing nine colleges, from as far away as Walla Walla, Wa, participated. From all accounts, it was a very successful event.

On November 8th, they will be returning to Middlefield Golf Course to host the Men and Women's Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships, with an anticipated 300+ participants, joined by family and friends. We look forward to having the teams and visitors in Cottage Grove.

Star Party Fun!

Last Saturday the Cottage Grove Public Library hosted another successful Star Party, with amazing telescopes provided by the Eugene Astronomical Society. Patrons enjoyed viewing planets, stars, moons and other inspiring celestial wonders. Inside the Library children and adults enjoyed a "space dance" and fun space food. Thanks Jerry Oltion and Friends from the Eugene Astro group who made it all happen with their awesome telescopes!

Library Services Director, Pete Barrell, recently attended the annual conference of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries. The conference, in Burlington Vermont, brought together an interesting and diverse group of library professionals from across the nation. Pete received a full scholarship from the Oregon State Library to attend this educational and inspiring event.

Quote of the Week

"All at once, summer collapsed into fall."

~Oscar Wilde~